

From Burnside's Army.

[Correspondence of the Washington Chronicle.]

FALMOUTH, Va., Nov. 19.—We learn that the route we have just passed over from Warrenton to this place is now obstructed by the Confederates. Colonel S. K. Zook, of the Fifty-seventh New York, is military governor of Falmouth.

There appears to be no intention on the part of the military authorities to cross the river at present. I have not been able to form any idea as yet of the value of Fredericksburg as a defensive position. It is stated that the Confederates do not intend to make any serious resistance there, though the trains from Richmond are running incessantly, bringing up troops and carrying away stores.

The Confederate force at Fredericksburg cannot be very large. I hear that five Mississippi regiments arrived yesterday. We can also see considerable cavalry. It would be easy to cross and drive this force out of the town, and you may wonder why this was not done; but it has just commenced to rain, and if the storm continues the Rappahannock will rise very rapidly. Suppose a part of the Federal force should cross and be attacked by superior numbers before they could be reinforced, they might then find themselves in an unpleasant dilemma. The pickets of both parties are along the banks of the stream, and within speaking distance of each other but no attack is apprehended.

The usual accompaniments of skirmishing and foray have already commenced. A detachment of cavalry, consisting of parts of the First New York, First New Jersey and Harris Light Guards, was sent in the direction of Aquia Creek to observe, forage, fight or run, according to circumstances—in a word, to reconnoiter. It has not been heard from, though no uneasiness is felt. A Confederate party captured some of our wagons yesterday a few miles from here, but they were immediately retaken. Eight or ten bales of cotton were found yesterday in a cotton mill in this place, owned by a man named Green. It was taken possession of by the military governor.

As I close two or three cannon shots have been fired. I can't guess what it means, unless it be the shelling of a position on the other side, where the Confederates can be seen loading up and taking away ammunitions, flour and provisions. The pickets have agreed not to fire on each other.

General Burnside has just arrived.

The question of the legality of the issue of small notes by city corporations has been referred by the Secretary of the Treasury to Mr. Boutwell, commissioner of the internal revenue, who has decided that such issues are not contrary to the act of Congress of July last. The decision was made on the application of the corporation of Wilmington, Del.

The Havana Diario says, in relation to the case of the steamer *Blanche*, that the American Minister at Madrid disowned the action of the United States vessel in the premises, and that Mr. Seward did the same in conference with the Spanish Minister at Washington, and offered ample reparation. The indemnity claimed is nearly three hundred thousand dollars.

The Philadelphia Press says:—We believe that General Burnside has intelligence of an embryo gigantic expedition preparing about Richmond to deal a heavy blow upon our weak columns on the coast. This idea receives force from the fact that General Foster, with a strong and effective division, found it impolitic to execute fully his plan for an incursion to Weldon, N. C. He suddenly heard of an immense force of the enemy concentrating to meet him, and it may yet bear down upon his position at Newbern. Lee's army has not gone into winter quarters about Richmond, but is resting and reorganizing.

The report that Chas. A. Dana, of New York, had been appointed Assistant Secretary of War is contradicted.

The London Globe takes the alarm at the Wholesale destruction of British property by the Alabama and says: "The work of the Confederate war vessel No. 290, Capt. Semms, has now fixed the attention of every merchant in Europe, and are coming to the conclusion that something must be done."

General Wadsworth has obtained leave of absence of fifteen days on account of ill health, and General Martindale is appointed temporarily Military Governor of Washington.

The people at Port Richmond, Staten Island, were thrown into a high state of excitement yesterday by the discovery that Alabamus Harrison, a man of about forty years, and a son of a well known physician there, had been murdered and robbed on the street the night before. The murder was committed by strangulation.

A citizen in New York, who bet on Wadsworth, paid the penalty of his rashness yesterday by sawing a load of wood in the Eighth avenue. The sagacious Seymourite who won the wager looked on and chuckled at the prospect of getting his winter's kindling wood for nothing.

Charles Lewis, charged with murdering a jeweler, in Princeton, N. J., has been arrested. The evidence against him is strong.

The Baltimore American says that at present a good house can be rented, in the highest and pleasantest portions of Baltimore, with from seven to ten rooms, for one hundred and fifty dollars.

Letters from England announce the death of Lady Stafford, at the summer residence of her sister, the Duchess of Leeds. She was the second daughter of the late Richard Caton, esq., and grand-daughter of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. She has lived abroad for nearly fifty years, holding a high and honored position in English society.

MARRIED.

At the Parsonage of the M. E. Church, on Thursday evening, the 20th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Lemon, Mr. WM. H. WOODFIELD to Miss MARY ANN TOMLIN, all of this city.

DIED.

In Washington, on the 19th inst., JOHN F. BOONE, in the 55th year of his age.

In Georgetown, on the 20th instant, JANET DUNCAN, second daughter of the late Robert Cary Long, of Baltimore.

TO WATER-TAKERS.—Notice is hereby given that Geo. C. Hewes and O. C. Whittlessey are the duly authorized collectors of water rents due the Alexandria Water Company; and that compulsory measures will be resorted to against all persons whose bills shall remain unpaid on the first day of January next, or the water cut off. By order of the Board of Directors. R. JOHNSTON, Treasurer.

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Telegraphic News.

FROM AQUIA CREEK.

[From the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Advices from Aquia this morning show all quiet in the army, except some occasional skirmishing with artillery. The heavy rains now falling will postpone operations by both armies for a few days. Boats will run from Washington to Aquia at 8 A. M. and 3 P. M., making the run in four hours. They land here at the foot of Sixth street.

We learn that when the troops arrived at Fredericksburg in force, on Monday morning, they found they were duly expected. Citizens say that on Friday morning last, General Lee telegraphed that the Yankees would be there on Sunday night, that all provisions must be shipped to Richmond, and the machinery in the woolen factory taken down and sent away before Sunday noon. It was done.

It is said, upon pretty good authority, that the Confederates left the Shenandoah Valley early in October, when the President was trying to get McClellan to fall upon them, and nothing but Jackson, Stuart, and part of Hill's corps were left behind. They left Culpeper and Gordonsville last Wednesday, and are now marching on the junction of the Fredericksburg and Gordonsville railroad, where they will make a stand. This is as reliable as any reports that can be obtained, and is credited, we believe, at the War Department.

From Fairfax Court House.

[Dispatch to the Washington Chronicle.]

FAIRFAX COURT HOUSE, Nov. 20—6 p. m.—Scouts and deserters report large bodies of the Confederates hovering about Ashby's and Snicker's Gaps.

Confederate pickets occupied Gainesville within an hour after we left the place yesterday morning. They have burned the bridge on the Alexandria and Orange railroad near Catlett's Station.

Generals Mackall and Early are said to be in command of the Confederates.

We may have a fight soon. The tents and other equipage left by a Wisconsin regiment at Lewinsville were removed by the expedition sent out for that purpose, but not entirely without opposition. They exchanged a few shots with the enemy.

LOCAL.—The heavy rains we have had, in all this region of country, for the past few days, must swell the streams considerably, and materially interfere with army movements.—Sidelings from the old Foundry on the wharf, and the Pioneer Mills, are being made to connect with the Railroad track, on Union street.—A government wagon standing on King street, was run off with, this morning, by the horses attached to it, and several persons in the streets were very near being seriously injured.—Some of the finest oysters seen here this season have been brought up; but they are offered at extravagant prices.

At San Francisco, Nov. 18, the steamship Republic has been confiscated to the government for sailing under a false register. She was partly owned by Holliday & Flint.

Henry Bates, State Treasurer of California in 1862, died this week.

It is said that there are no Confederates, in any, at this time in West Tennessee.